

As a college professor who teaches media studies, I have taught students about the dangers of media consolidation. An example of this bad practice is Sinclair Broadcasting and its decision to force its stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the presidential election.

The FCC is responsible for policing the public airwaves and serving the public interest. It is not in the interests of democracy to allow global control of the airwaves in our local communities.

Media ownership rules should be strengthened to prevent an action like Sinclair's. In fact, recent political events have shown that the responsibility for policing the airwaves is even more crucial to our democracy. The college students I teach are solidly against media consolidation and for local control.